

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application:

Claims 1-3 (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A method for reducing the risk of onset of congestive heart failure in a patient not previously having congestive heart failure and who has an essentially maintained heart function, comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of ramipril or ramiprilat, wherein the patient is a human who exhibits normal or low blood pressure, and wherein the patient has a history of previous ischaemic heart disease, stroke, or peripheral arterial disease, or wherein the patient has diabetes.

Claim 5 (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, which comprises administering to the patient an effective amount of ramiprilat.

Claims 7-18 (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 4, which comprises administering to the patient an effective amount of ramipril.